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In re Patent No. 6,950,971	:
Issued: September 27, 2005	: LETTER REGARDING PTA AND
Application No. 09/993,415	: NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO ISSUE
Filed: November 5, 2001	: CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
Atty. Dkt. No.: 2001 P 16795US	:
(1080/136)	:

This letter is in response to the "REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT," filed November 2, 2005. The Office thanks patentees for their good faith and candor in bringing this to our attention.

The above-identified application issued as U.S. Pat. No. 6,950,971 on September 27, 2005. The patent issued with a patent term adjustment (PTA) of 552 days. Patentees, however, indicate that there may be an error in the total amount of days determined and indicate that the adjustment of 552 days may extend the term of the patent by too many days.

A review of the application history reveals that at the time of issuance, the patent was entitled to an overall adjustment of 549 days.

An overall adjustment of 575 days can be attributed to the Office. An adjustment of 528 days, as undisputed by patentees, can be attributed to the Office in accordance with 37 CFR 1.702(a)(1).

A further adjustment of three days, as undisputed by patentees, can be attributed to the Office in accordance with 37 CFR 1.702(a)(2).

A further adjustment of 44 days, rather than 47 days as previously accorded, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.702(a)(4) can be attributed to the Office. The adjustment began August 15, 2005, the day after the date that is four months after the date that the issue fee was received on April 14, 2005, and ended September 27, 2005, the date the patent issued.

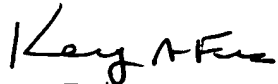
The adjustment of 575 was properly reduced 26 days, as undisputed by patentees, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.704(b).

In view thereof, at the time of allowance, the application was entitled to an adjustment of 549 days.

As this letter was submitted as an advisement to the Office of an error in Applicants' favor, the Office will not assess the \$200.00 application fee under 37 CFR 1.705(b).

This application will be forwarded to the Certificate of Corrections branch for issuance of a certificate of correction to indicate that the term of this patent is extended or adjusted under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) by 549 days.

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to Petitions Attorney Alesia M. Brown at (571) 272-3205.


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Enclosure: Draft Certificate of Correction